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THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Michiaki Sakamoto

Serial No.: 09/585,472

Group Art Unit: 2883

Filed: June 2, 2000

Examiner: Rude, T.

For: ACTIVE MATRIX LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY DEVICE AND
MANUFACTURING METHOD THEREOF

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTIONS REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 18, 2004, Applicant hereby elects what the Examiner refers to as Invention I, Species A, without traverse. However, contrary to the Examiner's assertion that no claims are generic, Applicant respectfully submits that Species A is clearly defined in claim 11 as generic to claims 12 (Species B) and 15 (Species C).

Therefore, based on the Examiner's definition of the Species A, B, and C, and the clear generic nature of claim 11, it is submitted that selection of "Invention 1, Species A" would cause claims 11, 12, and 15 to clearly read on the election of Species A.

Moreover, it is submitted that, if claim 11 defines Species A as generic to claims 12 and 15, then Species B and Species C are inherently included by electing Species A, thereby, as best understood, causing all claims in Invention I as being covered by election of Species A.

Applicant reserves the opportunity to later file a Divisional Application for the non-elected claims, but declines to cancel non-elected claims at this time.

Early, favorable prosecution on the merits is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner find the Application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a telephonic or personal interview.

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A conditional petition is made for any extension of time which may become necessary. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees for such extension and to credit any overpayment in fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0481.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Frederick Cooperrider".

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